

REMARKS

Claims 2, 9-11, 13-19, 21-24, 26-27 and 29-69 are cancelled without prejudice to filing in a later application. Claims 1, 3-7, 12, 20, 25 and 28 are being amended. Claims 70-81 are being added. Upon entry of the amendment claims 1, 2-8, 12, 20, 25, 28 and 70-81 will be pending.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported by, for example, Figures 1-4.

The amendment to claim 3 is supported by, for example, page 6, line 21 and as filed claims 1 and 25.

The amendment to claims 4-5 changes dependency and conforms that claim to claim 1.

The amendment to claim 6 is supported by, for example, figure 1.

The amendment to claim 7 is supported by, for example, page 32, lines 3-9.

The amendment to claim 12 changes dependency and conforms that claim to claim 1.

The amendment to claim 20 is supported by, for example, figures 1 and 4 and page 30, line 23 to page 31, line 1.

The amendment to claim 25 conforms that claim to claim 1.

The amendment to claim 28 changes dependency and conforms that claim to claim 1.

New claims 70-81 are supported by, for example, Figures 1-4.

The claim amendment and new claims add no new matter.

The rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 12 has been

amended to obviate this rejection.

The rejection of claims 1-8, 12-13, 20 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claims 1-8, 12-13, 20 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated and unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,426,130 to Thurber et al. Claims 1, 3-7, 12, 20 and 25 have been amended so that they, and claims dependent therefrom, are not anticipated by the Thurber reference. Claims 1-8, 12-13, 20 and 25 are patentable for at least this reason.

The rejection of claims 15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,426,130 to Thurber et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,027,568 to Wallace et al. Claims 15 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice obviating this rejection.

The rejection of claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,426,130 to Thurber et al in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,288,526 to Hogan et al. Claim 1 and 28 have been amended so that claim 28 is not obvious over the Thurber and Hogan references, singly or in combination. Claim 28 is patentable for at least this reason.

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In summary, Applicants have addressed each of the rejections in the present Office Action. It is believed the application now stands in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney if a conversation will hasten prosecution of this application. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (860) 571-2501, by facsimile at (860) 571-5028 or by email at james.piotrowski@us.henkel.com. All postal correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

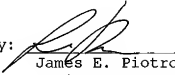
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